

Amendment to the Specification

The following paragraph is to be inserted just after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 25 and before the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26

-- In an embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 1, the apparatus includes a ceramic sleeve (3) an open end (13), and bores (4) and/or slots in the wall thereof, where the bores (4) and/or slots communicate with one end of a pipe (15), which has an open end remote from the end communicating with the bores (4) and/or slots. The ceramic sleeve (3) also has a moveable ceramic piston (5) located opposite the open end (13). The movement of the moveable ceramic piston (5) is such that the bores or slots can be partially or completely closed. The movement of the moveable ceramic piston (5) can be caused either via a pneumatic drive (9) or an electric step motor. A polyurethane coating emulsion mixture can be pumped into the open end (13) of the ceramic sleeve (3), through the bores (4) and/or slots, and through the pipe (15) as shown by the arrows in Fig. 1. Alternatively, the flow may be reversed and the polyurethane coating emulsion mixture can be pumped into the pipe (15), through the bores (4) or slots and through the ceramic sleeve (3). --